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In re Application of:

Carpenter et al.

Serial No.: 09/932,860

Filed: August 17, 2001

For: HEATED GAS LINE BODY
FEEDTHROUGH FOR VAPOR AND GAS
DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND METHODS
OF EMPLOYING SAME

Confirmation No.: 6588

Examiner: R. Zervigon

Group Art Unit: 1763

Attorney Docket No.: 2269-4880US
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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application and a check in the amount of \$1,715.00 in payment therefor plus five (5) copies of the patent when issued.

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Also, enclosed is an Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) (10 pages); Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages); and Fee Addressee for Receipt of PTO Notices Relating to Maintenance Fees (2 pages).

Applicants understand that no additional fees are required. However, if the Office determines that any comparison fees or other additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to TraskBritt Deposit Account No. 20-1469. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

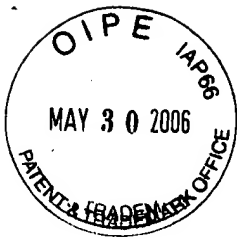


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The Examiner indicates:

The Examiner's rejections are overturned by the February 10, 2006 decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. In the decision, the Board concurs with Applicants' position that the Examiner's combination of Sajoto in view of Whitney and Fukuda "... fail to teach or suggest a temperature sensing device that is disposed between the layer of insulation and the longitudinal body portion of the feedthrough device as required by claim 1 on appeal." Further, the Board states that "the temperature sensor 54a of Fukuda is disclosed and shown as

located in the conduit or introduction tube 11a . . .” (See decision, page 4). As a result, the Examiner bases his allowance on these points raised by the Board.

Applicants concur with the reasons as stated by the Examiner insofar as they comprise a summary and are exemplary and not limiting. However, Applicants note that the scope of the claims must be determined from the literal language of each as a whole, as well as equivalents thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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